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COMPLETED SHORT THIRTY MINUTE FLIGHT THIS MORNING. TAKEOFF NORMAL WITH WATER UTILIZED. LEFT AFTERBURNER ELEW OUT
SHORTLY AFTER GEAR RETRACTION FOLLOWING TAKE-OFF. THIS WAS
CAUSED BY FACT THAT A VERY LIGHT FUEL LOAD WAS ABOARD AND
MANUAL SELECTION OF NUMBER THREE TANK FOR POSITIVE FUEL FEED WAS
NOT MADE. CONFIGURATION SELECTED APPARENTLY DID NOT FROVIDE
SUFFICIENT FUEL FLOW TO SUSTAIN BURNER OPERATION. THERE IS NO
APPARENT MALFUNCTION IN ANY SYSTEM OR COMPONENT THAT WOULD HAVE
CAUSED THE BLOWOUT. AFTER BURNERS WERE RE-LIGHTED LATER IN
FLIGHT WITH NO PROBLEM. MAXIMUM ALTITUDE REACHED WAS THIRTY
THOUSAND. MAX IAS WAS 390 K. MAX MACH WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE
POINT TWO. TANK VENTING PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE PRIMARILY ONE OF
INSTRUMENTATION RATHER THAN THE VENTING SYSTEM ITSELF. FURTHER INVE-

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STIGATION SHOULD CLEAR UP THIS POINT. DESCENT AND LANDING WERE UNEVENTFUL. MINOR BRAKE PROBLEM WAS ENCOUNTERED THAT WILL BE CLEARED UP PRIOR TO NEXT FLIGHT BY ADDITION OF BRAKE ADJUSTERS OR NEW BRAKE ASSEMBLIES. TOMORROWS SCHEDULE UNCERTAIN AT THE MOMENT. ANOTHER FLIGHT TOMORROW BEING COMTEMPLATED. WILL ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE